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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING UP REFTEL B EMBASSY DISCUSSED ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE ON APRIL 1 WITH PEREZ GUERRERO'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, WHO PROMISED TO CONSULT HIS CHIEF. SEVERAL DAYS LATER THE ASSISTANT CALLED TO SAY THAT PG HAD PROMISED TO REVIEW THE MATTER, INCLUDING SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S TESTIMONY. HE SAID PG HAD COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD BEEN THE ONE WHO HAD DECIDED THAT THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY SHOULD BE LINKED TO THE MNC CODE OF CONDUCT.

2. ON APRIL 21 THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY DURING A MEETING WITH PEREZ GUERRERO, POINTING OUT ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE BOEING CASE. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED PG THAT PROGRESS ON THE TREATY WILL IN NO WAY DELAY OUR COMMITMENT TO PROCEED WITH WORK ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

3. PEREZ GUERRERO SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE US
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DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION REGARDING ILLICIT PAYMENTS - A VIEW WHICH VENEZUELA SHARES. PG ASKED WHEN THE UN WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES WOULD MEET AGAIN. WHEN INFORMED THAT THE GROUP WILL RECONVENT IN LATE JUNE, PG SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE VENEZUELAN POSITION WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING THE U.S.

4. COMMENT - PEREZ GUERRERO LEFT APRIL 23 FOR PARIS WHERE HE AND HIS STAFF WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH CIEC. HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO VENEZUELA FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME UNTIL EARLY JUNE WHEN CIEC WILL BE FINISHED. PRESIDENT PEREZ IS ON AN EXTENDED TRIP ABROAD AND WILL NOT RETURN TO VENEZUELA UNTIL MAY 4. ALTHOUGH WE WILL NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP FURTHER ON THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY PEREZ GUERRERO'S APPARENT CHANGE OF MIND. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WITH PEREZ GUERRERO AND, IF NECESSARY, WITH PRESIDENT PEREA.
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